

PLANNING RETREAT AGENDA
ENVIRONMENTAL LAW SECTION EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 27-March 1, 2009
Canary Hotel, Santa Barbara, California

Friday, February 27, 2009

2:00-3:30 p.m. Executive Committee Meeting

1. Introductions/Overview of Retreat Agenda
2. Approval of January 16, 2009 Meeting Minutes (Jane C.)
3. Review of appointments process/Call for Ex Com officer candidates (Kristen)
4. Legislation Committee (Greg/John)
5. Publications
 - a. Newsletter (Bill Wick)
 - b. Update (Cyndy)
6. MCLE Programs: recent and planned
 - a. SEI, January 16-18 (Berkeley) (Kristen)
 - b. Sacramento County Bar lunch program, Jan. 29 (Tina)
 - c. Central Coast Program, April 24-25 (Santa Barbara) (Bret S.)
 - d. Your Voice: North Coast, May 7-8 (Eureka) (Paul)
 - e. Roundtables, June 12-14 (San Diego) (Greg T./Tom)
 - f. Sierra Program, July 10 (S. Lake Tahoe/Auburn) (Pete)
 - g. 2009 Annual Meeting, Sept. 10-13 (San Diego) (Kristen)
7. Student Negotiations Competition, March 20 (GGU, San Francisco) (Paul/Russell)
8. ABA Liaison Report (Jane C.)
9. Diversity Outreach/Fellowship Committee Report (Jodi/Nargis)
10. Report from Council of State Bar Sections (Brett M.)
11. Website (Nargis)
12. New Matters/Co-Sponsorship Requests

3:30-5:00 p.m. Retreat Overview/Vision Session

1. Retreat Overview (Kristen/Dana)
 - a. Review of Environmental Law Section's Mission Statement

The mission of the Environmental Law Section is to provide leadership in advancing the quality, breadth, and availability of environmental law information and services. As an organization of environmental professionals, the Environmental Law Section will strive to prevent pollution and to conserve natural resources and support their sustainable use. The Section's objectives are:

- to provide high quality educational programs, legislative analysis and recommendations, and publications related to environmental issues*
- to serve Section members, the legal community, and the California public at large*
- to foster diversity in Section membership*
- to provide meaningful opportunities for members wishing to participate in Section activities.*

- b. Theme: Given constraints, how do we prioritize our plans to best serve our mission
2. Idea Incubator – Breakout sessions (20 min.)
- a. Outreach/Awareness/Communications
(law schools, lawyers, Local Bar Associations, ABA, young lawyers, public, website, workroom, awards...)
 - b. Sustainability
 - c. Education
(programs, publications...)
 - d. Diversity
(ABA, fellowships, scholarships...)

3. Idea Sharing

6:30 p.m. Cocktail Reception

7:00 p.m. Dinner at hotel

CONTINUE SHARING IDEAS!!!

Saturday, February 28

9:00-9:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30-10:00 a.m. Future Section Activity Planning (Dana)

1. Introduction
 - a. Sub-committee structure
 - b. Participation
2. Review Idea Incubator from Friday

10:00-11:30 a.m. Planning Constraints (Dana/Pete)

1. Financials
 - a. Historical context – the carryover
 - b. Review overall Section finances, Yosemite financials, program financials
 - c. Factors affecting financial future
 - i. Revenue:
 1. Membership
 2. Sponsorships (Bar Guidelines; Yosemite; Other Opportunities)
 3. Current and projected economic conditions
 - ii. Expenses:
 1. Bar costs
 2. Yosemite costs
 3. Program costs
 4. Executive committee costs
 5. Other
 - d. Existing Reserve Policy
2. Staffing constraints/Black-out dates
3. Lessons learned
4. Other constraints

11:30-12:00 Future Planning/Priorities (Dana)

1. Break-out Sessions Revisited - Prioritize
 - a. Outreach/Communications
 - b. Sustainability
 - c. Education
 - d. Diversity
 - e. Legislation

12:00-1:15 p.m. Lunch

1:15-4:30 p.m. Future Planning/Priorities (Dana)

1. Report on priorities identified in break-outs
2. Group Planning Session
 - a. Are our mission goals being adequately funded?
 - b. What does the surplus allow us to do that we do not?
 - c. Planning for economic uncertainty
3. Planning Wrap-up

Dinner on your own

Sunday, March 1

9:00-9:30 a.m. Breakfast

9:30-12:00 Yosemite Planning, (Dana, Richard, Stuart, Marilee, Tina)

1. Overview of Logistics
2. Plenaries/Dinner Speaker
3. Panels/Roundtables?
4. Outdoor Programs
 - a. Recognition for Andy Sawyer
5. Other ideas
 - a. Program materials
 - b. Recognition of law students/scholarship recipients
 - c. Sustainability efforts
 - d. Scholarships/Awards
 - e. Friday night dinner/reception
 - f. Family activities
 - g. Other

Next Meeting: Friday, March 20, 2009
1:00-4:00 p.m.
Golden Gate University, San Francisco